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RE: Campaign Promises

Attached is the compilation of campaign promises that you requested.

The compilation should prove helpful in reviewing the nature and extent of your public commitments and in guiding the transition effort. However, it should be read with the following caveats in mind:

(1) It is certainly not exhaustive. The compilation was produced from written material (speeches, releases, letters, briefing transcripts, interviews, questionnaire responses, newspaper accounts and certain other statements) available to the Issues Staff. Undoubtedly there are certain speeches or statements which were not recorded and thus not available to us. There are not likely to be very many additional promises contained in those speeches or statements, but the possibility exists and we are therefore continuing our research.

(2) It does not include promises that may have been made by Vice President-Elect Mondale; his staff is presently reviewing his speeches and statements and will be developing a similar compilation by next week.

(3) The strength of the various promises naturally varies. Some promises indicate only that you will "consider" taking a certain action; others indicate that you "support" a certain action; and others indicate that you will definitely initiate or take certain action. The specific type of promise made is indicated by the first few words of each of the enclosed promises. However, even those words may not completely represent the extent of your commitment; in many instances, the full context of your speech or statement must be reviewed to determine the exact strength of your promise. Therefore, the description of your promises in this compilation may serve only as a rough guide. The appropriate clusters in the Policy Development Transition staff will be reviewing the full context in which each of the enclosed promises was made.

Generally, only one source is cited for each of the enclosed promises. The cited source is either the first speech or statement in which the promise was made or, if the promise was sketchy in the first speech or statement, the speech or statement in which the promise was most fully developed.

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A. ECONOMY

1. Unemployment and Job Creation

a. General Principles

- (1) Having as the essential building block of our urban policy the provision of a job for each person capable of holding gainful employment. (Cities Speech 4/1/76)
- (2) Believing the Federal Government has an obligation to provide funds for public employment of those who private business cannot and will not hire. (Ibid)
- (3) Supporting the full Employment Act of 1976. (Platform Presentation 6/16/76)
- (4) Never using unemployment as a tool to fight inflation. (Economy Position Paper, 4/22/76)
- (5) Striving to achieve unemployment at a level of 4% or less by the end of the first term. (Ibid)

b. Joint Government and Private Sector Programs

- (1) Proposing a joint program of incentives to private employers and of a public needs employment program funded by the Federal Government:

- (a) Assisting local governments with urban economic planning and development to help them encourage private industry to invest in their cities;
- (b) Providing an expanded employment credit to give businesses some benefits for each person they hire who had been previously unemployed;
- (c) increasing the Federal Government's commitment to fund the cost of on the job training by business; and
- (d) Encouraging private industry to prevent layoffs. (Cities Speech, 4/1/76)

(2) Giving specific stimulation to private industry to hire the unemployed through:

- (a) Encouraging private employment to retain workers during cyclical downturns, by such means as reforming the unemployment compensation tax paid by employers;
- (b) Creating private public programs to train people for work in private sector jobs; and
- (c) Providing incentives geared to encouraging private employers to hire the unemployed,

expecially those employers who hire young persons with lengthy records of unemployment or who provide flexible hours of employment to aid access by women to the market place (Economy Position Paper, 4/22/76)

c. Federal Aid to Local Governments

- (1) Expanding the CETA Program, so that twice the number of jobs as the 300,000 which it presently provides can be made available. (Cities Speech, 4/1/76)
- (2) Supporting counter cyclical assistance to deal with fiscal needs of cities particularly hard hit by the recession (Ibid)
- (3) Providing an additional \$2 billion for new job creation and for maintenance of the current level of service in the cities. (Ibid)

d. Construction Industry

- (1) Adopting a program that will provide jobs for hundreds of thousands of unemployed construction workers, including in that program such items as:
 - (a) Federal subsidies and low interest loans for the construction of low and middle income housing;

- (b) Greater effort to attack mortgage money into the financing of private housing;
- (c) Expansion of Section 202 housing for elderly;
- (d) Greater emphasis on the rehabilitation of existing housing; and
- (e) Continuing construction of rental homes for low income families. (Urban Policy Speech, 6/29/76)

- (2) Creating meaningful public jobs in the cities and neighborhoods of the unemployed -- jobs to solve our major needs in construction, repair, maintenance and rehabilitation of facilities such as railroad beds, housing, and the environment. (Economy Position Paper, 4/22/76)

e. Welfare Recipients

- (1) Providing strong work incentives, public creation, and job training for those on welfare able to work. (The Cities Speech, 4/1/76)
- (2) Offering public service jobs to welfare recipients unable to find work. (Statement reported in New York Times, 2/26/76)

f. Job Training and Counseling

- (1) Improving manpower training and vocational educational programs to increase the employment of the hard core unemployed.

(Economy Position Paper, 4/22/76)

- (2) Developing more efficient employment services to provide better job counselling and to match openings to individuals. (Ibid)

g. Minimum Wage

Favoring the payment of at least the minimum wage to those who are unemployed at present and provided with public works jobs. (Economic Press Briefing, 7/28/76)

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2. Inflation

- a. Striving for an inflation rate of 4% or less by the end of the first term. (Economy Position Paper, 4/22/76)
- b. Favoring inflation control programs. (Warm Springs Speech, 9/6/76)
- c. Controlling inflation through the following measures:
 - (1) Reform of government regulations which add to consumer costs;
 - (2) Strict anti-trust and consumer protection enforcement;
 - (3) Increased productivity;
 - (4) Lower interest rates;
 - (5) Closer monitoring of inflationary trends; and
 - (6) Standby wage and price controls (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)

3. Monetary Policy

a. Goals and Principles

- (1) Pursuing an expansionary fiscal and monetary program in the near future, with some deficits if necessary, to reduce unemployment more rapidly. (Economy Position Paper, 4/22/76)
- (2) Adopting a monetary policy which encourages lower interest rates and the availability of

investment capital at reasonable costs. (Ibid)

- (3) Supporting coordinated budget and credit policies to permit lower interest rates for housing, schools and plants. (AFL-CIO Speech, 8/31/76)
- (4) Opposing across the board permanent wage and price controls. (Economic Position Paper, 4/22/76)
- (5) Striving for the goal of stabilized interest rates. (Economic Press Briefing, 7/28/76)

b. Federal Reserve Board

- (1) Making the term of the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board coterminous with that of the President. (Economic Position Paper, 4/22/76)
- (2) Strengthening the interrelationship between the Federal Reserve Board, the Council of Economic Advisors, the President, the leaders of Congress, the Commerce Department, and others involved in the country's economic planning. (Ibid)
- (3) Improving coordination of fiscal and monetary policy by the following steps:
 - (a) Requiring the Open Market Committee of the Federal Reserve to publicly and

clearly state its objectives;

- (b) Requiring the Federal Reserve Board to submit a credit market report on past and expected monetary conditions to be included in the Economic Report of the President; and
- (c) Requiring the Secretary of the Treasury, the Director of OMB, and the Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board to show in a consolidated report that their policies are mutually consistent or to explain why they are not. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)

4. Wage and Price Controls

- a. Opposing across the board permanent wage and price controls. (Economic Position Paper, 4/22/76)
- b. Supporting standby wage price controls, even though they are never likely to be used. (Business Week interview, 5/3/76)
- c. Monitoring excessive wage and price increases in specific sectors of the economy. (Economy Position Paper, 4/22/76)
- d. Making a prior announcement by, either thirty or sixty or ninety days, of any imposition of wage

and price controls. (Economic Press briefing, 7/28/76)

- e. Limiting wage increases for federal employees to a reasonable figure, so as to encourage the private sector to restrain wage and price demands. (Ibid)
- f. Strengthening the council on Wage and Price Stability so that it more adequately exercises its subpoena power to focus attention on excessive price and wage increases. (Remarks in Houston, 9/24/76)

5. Economic Growth

- a. Striving for a steady growth in the economy, conceivably at a rate of 4-6% per year. (Economic Press Briefing 7/28/76)
- b. Anticipating bottlenecks and capacity shortages and moving in advance to prevent them so as to ensure steady growth in the economy. (AFL-CIO Speech, 8/31/76)
- c. Developing long range economic plans and goals. (Ibid)
- d. Favoring expanded role for the Council of Economic Advisors, to include coordinated government planning to attack problems of structural unemployment, inflation, environmental deterioration, exaggeration

of economic inequalities, natural resource limitations, and obstructions to the operation of the free market system. (Economic Position Paper, 4/22/76)

6. Budgetary Policies

- a. Implementing zero base budgeting (Planning a Budget from Zero Statement, 6/74) .
- b. Merging the budgeting and planning services of the Federal Government into one cohesive organization. (Ibid)
- c. Balancing the federal budget by the end of the first term. (Economic Press Briefing, 7/28/76)
- d. Relying to a greater extent on long term planning budgets. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- e. Instituting tough performance auditing, program evaluation, and performance standards. (Ibid)
- f. Ensuring firm legislative and executive control of the budget by carefully estimating revenue for the coming year and by making those seeking to spend more than that figure state precisely how those expenditures will be financed on a continuing basis. (Government Growth and Budgeting Statement, Pre-Convention No. 73)

7. Tax Reform

a. Goals and Priorities

- (1) Using tax reform to help the working poor whose incomes are below the poverty level. (Economic Press Briefing, 8/16/76)
- (2) Simplifying drastically the income tax system so that taxes on middle and low income families can be reduced. (Tax Reform Statement, Pre-Convention No. 85)
- (3) Treating all income the same, subject to some exceptions. (Ibid)
- (4) Changing the tax laws in a way to discourage corporations from locating plants abroad. (Ibid)
- (5) Constructing a tax system which will tax all income only once and be more progressive than the present system. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (6) Lowering taxes for lower and middle income families who live on wages and shifting the tax load to wealthy individuals and corporations. (Economic Position Paper, 4/22/76)

b. Specific Proposals or Promises

- (1) Instituting basic tax reform proposals to give proper consideration to private philanthropy in education. (Education Statement, Pre-Convention No. 69)

- (2) Preferring a more progressive plan to increase gradually the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (rather than increasing the Social Security contribution rate). (Social Security Statement, Pre-Convention No. 83)
- (3) Ending tax laws which discriminate against poor families and against families supporting elderly members. (American Family Speech, 8/3/76)
- (4) Retaining exemptions for children. (Ibid)
- (5) Reducing estate taxes on farms, on the basis of agricultural use of the land. (Iowa Agriculture Speech, 8/25/76)
- (6) Retaining legitimate deductions, such as the interest on home mortgages. (Economic Issues Statement, Post-Convention No. 133)
- (7) Opposing the taxation of television sets to finance public television. (T.V. GUIDE Interview, 10/9/76)
- (8) Encouraging employers to retain workers during the cyclical turndowns in the economy, including through such means as the reform of unemployment compensation tax paid by employers. (Economy Position Paper, 4/22/76)

c. Procedural Matters

- (1) Making certain that requests to the IRS for income tax returns by anyone, from the President on down, be recorded. (Code of Ethics Statement Pre-Convention No. 71)
- (2) Not making any substantive changes in our tax law, or proposing any as President, until at least a full year of very careful analysis has passed. (Statement reported in The New York Times, 7/23/76 quoting your speech at 21 Club)

d. Loopholes or Preferences to be Eliminated

- (1) Removing loopholes and shelters for the wealthy. (Economic Issues Statement, Post-Convention No. 133)
- (2) Changing tax laws which encourage multi-national corporations to invest abroad instead of in the U.S. (specifically, with respect to the rules on deferral of taxation of foreign profits). (First Debate, 9/23/76)
- (3) Considering the abolition of the DISC. (Ibid)
- (4) Doing away with illegitimate business deductions. (Ibid)
- (5) Reducing tax shelters. (Ibid)

(e) Home Mortgage Deduction

- (1) Retaining legitimate deductions, such as the interest on home mortgages (Economic Issues Statement, Post-Convention No. 133)
- (2) Making no change to decrease the mortgage deduction; any change would increase the deduction (Statement reported in Wall Street Journal, 4/26/76)

B. NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Energy

a. Conservation

- (1) Instituting an all-out comprehensive energy program, including performance standards, financial incentives, research and development of more energy efficient technology, and conservation pricing of energy. (Energy Speech, 7/11/75)
- (2) Having strict fuel and efficiency standards for motor vehicles. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (3) Enforcing rigidly the energy saving speed limits. (Ibid)
- (4) Having prerequisite efficiency standards, and better labeling, for appliances. (Ibid)
- (5) Having mandatory improvements in building insulation. (Ibid)

b. Basic Energy Policy

- (1) Establishing most energy programs in one Cabinet-level Department, incorporating the present functions of FEA, FPC, the Energy Resources Council, ERDA, in addition to the energy related functions of the Commerce and

Treasury Departments, the SEC, the ICC, and the economic regulatory functions of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. (To prevent the new Energy Department from being the only voice on energy-related matters, the Department of Interior is to retain its stewardship of public lands, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the EPA will retain their environmental police powers, and the Department of Transportation and the Department of Housing and Urban Development will retain their responsibilities in a comprehensive energy conservation program.) (Energy Reorganization Statement, 9/21/76)

- (2) Cooperating with states and localities in energy programs. (Ibid)

c. International

- (1) Having the Federal Government enter on behalf of consumers into negotiations with OPEC, thereby removing such negotiations from the sole control of OPEC and the big oil companies. (Energy Reorganization Statement, 9/21/76)
- (2) Preventing further increase in the reliance on imported oil. (Announcement Speech, 12/12/74)

- (3) Developing standby rationing procedures.
(Energy Speech, 7/11/75)
- (4) Placing the importation of oil under government authority in order to ensure strict purchasing controls and the auctioning of purchase orders. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (5) Building a ninety day supply of oil in permanent storage.

d. Domestic Oil and Gas

- (1) Opposing the de-regulation of the price of old oil (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (2) Keeping the price of domestic oil below that of OPEC oil. (De-Regulation of Natural Gas Statement, Pre-Convention No. 67)
- (3) Allowing the de-regulation of new natural gas (Less 5%) for the next five years.
(Platform Message, 6/16/76)
- (4) Providing maximum disclosure of energy reserves and production. (Energy Speech, 7/11/75)
- (5) Prohibiting the ownership of competing types of energy by a single person or entity.
(Statement on Oil Company Divestiture, Pre-Convention No. 68)
- (6) Enforcing rigidly the Anti-Trust Laws in energy-related matters. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)

e. Coal

- (1) Taking measures to increase production of coal as a source of energy. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (2) Establishing a "Clean Coal" program designed to overcome bottlenecks in mining, transportation and conversion, while still protecting the land, air and water as the health and safety of coal miners. (Energy Reorganization Statement, 9/21/76)
- (3) Opposing federal subsidies for commercialization of synthetic fuel production.
- (4) Having the primary expansion of coal production in the Appalachia region.

f. Nuclear

- (1) Having a clear domestic policy on nuclear reprocessing. (Nuclear Policy Speech, 9/25/76)
- (2) Having a program to deal with elements produced by the fuel cycle, such as management of radioactive waste and uranium enrichment. (Ibid)
- (3) Creating better security and accounting methods for radioactive materials. (Ibid)
- (4) Deemphasizing the development of the liquid metal fast breeder reactor (LMFBR) until it is economically more practical. (Ibid)

- (5) Opposing federal subsidies for nuclear fuel reprocessing. (Ibid)
- (6) Opposing federal loan and profit guarantees on investment in uranium enrichment by private industry. (Ibid)
- (7) Supporting full funding for construction of government-owned uranium enrichment facility at Portsmouth, Ohio. (Third Debate, 10/22/76)
- (8) ("Nuclear Proliferation" is in the DEFENSE POLICY section)

g. Solar

Instituting a major initiative in developing environmentally safe sources of energy such as solar. (Energy Reorganization Statement, 9/21/76)

h. States

- (1) Exploring means of federal assistance to offset adverse social and economic impacts of energy development in the Western states. (Telegram to Western Governors Regional Energy Policy Office Meeting, 10/7/76)
- (2) Permitting state environmental standards to apply to energy development programs where they are more stringent than federal standards. (Ibid)

2. Environment

a. Air Pollution

- (1) Enforcing strictly the Clean Air Acts standards. (Air Pollution and Clean Air Act Statement, Post-Convention No. 162)
- (2) Not delaying Clean Air Act deadlines. (Ibid)
- (3) Requiring automobile manufacturers to meet Clean Air Act emission standards as soon as lead times allow. (Ibid)
- (4) Requiring that major new plants use the best available pollution control to clean up their emissions. (Ibid)
- (5) Encouraging less reliance on automobiles in cities, through the use of mass transit programs. (Ibid)
- (6) Supporting enforcement of nondegradation clause of Clean Air Act (Ibid)

b. Water Pollution

- (1) Opposing the lowering of the standards of the Water Pollution Control Act of 1972. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (2) Continuing federal grant programs for the construction of water waste treatment plants. (Water Pollution Control Statement, Post-Convention No. 179)

c. Toxic, Chemicals and Wastes

- (1) Enforcing strictly the Toxic Chemicals Act of 1972 (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (2) Assisting states in handling hazardous wastes. (Ibid)
- (3) Helping states and localities involved in energy reconversion of wastes and source separation through EPA and ERDA. (Ibid)
- (4) Assisting states in handling hazardous wastes. (Ibid)
- (5) Supporting strong Toxic Substances Control Act. (Environment Statement, Post-Convention No. 164)

d. Coastal Zone and Wetlands

- (1) Protecting coastal areas and the outer continental shelf during oil and gas exploration and development (Coastal Zone Management Statement, Post-Convention No. 180)
- (2) Having early state and local involvement in OCS leasing. (Ibid)
- (3) Supporting the Outer-Continental Shelf Amendments and the Coastal Zone Management Act amendments of 1976, which provide direct aid to states and localities in mitigating the effects of OCS oil and gas developments. (Ibid)

- (4) Developing better technology to prevent and clean up oil spills. (Ibid)
- (5) Coordinating all federal programs that effect wetlands. (Wetlands Statement, Post-Convention No. 170)
- (6) Supporting wetland protection programs at the state and local level. (Ibid)
- (7) Protecting wildlife habitats, including less draining of wetlands. (Ibid)

e. Oceans

- (1) Enforcing the Marine Mammal Act 1972 (Oceans Statement, Post-Convention No. 169)
- (2) Assuming leadership in the preservation and restoration of the quality of the oceans. (Ibid)

f. Mining and Leasing

- (1) Supporting passage of rigid strip mining laws (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (2) Opposing the issuance of leases for phosphate in the Osceola National Forest in Florida. (Environmental Statement in Florida Primary)
- (3) Enacting a new mining law for public lands to replace the 1904 law now in effect (Environment Statement, Post-Convention No. 164)
- (4) Reviewing and revising federal leasing policies for coal, oil and gas. (Ibid)

- (5) Ending mining in the six national parks where it is now going on. (Environment Statement, Post-Convention No. 163)

3. Conservation

a. Dams, Canals and Channelization

- (1) Halting the construction of unnecessary dams by the Army Corps of Engineers. (Corps of Engineers Statement, Post-Convention No. 172)
- (2) Redirecting the Corps' civil works projects to the benefit of the public and the Corps by removing political, self-perpetuating and publicity efforts from the Corps responsibility. (Ibid)
- (3) Moving the Corp^s out of the era of dam building and into more beneficial public efforts. (Ibid)
- (4) Protecting free-flowing rivers from daming by the Corps (The Wilderness Statement, Post-Convention No. 178)
- (5) Opposing the construction of the cross Florida barge canal. (Environmental Statement in Florida Primary)
- (6) Supporting the repair of existing nine foot deep Lock and Dam 26 on the Mississippi River but opposing replacement with a new larger twelve foot lock. (Environmental Statement in Wisconsin Primary)

- (7) Supporting great reduction in construction of dams and channelization of streams (not just those built by the Corps of Engineers and the Soil Conservations Service.) (Environment Statement, Post-Convention No. 163)

b. Parks, Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers

- (1) Adding more wilderness land to the National Wilderness Preservation System under the 1964 Wilderness Act (Wilderness Statement, Post-Convention No. 178)
- (2) Expanding the wild and scenic rivers system. (Ibid)
- (3) Restoring and protecting our national parks. (Ibid)
- (4) Allowing public input in the running of present national parks and the planning of new parks. (National Parks Statement, Post-Convention No. 161)
- (5) Having an open and responsive park service. (Ibid)
- (6) Reorganizing and simplifying the agency structure for running the park with an increase in efficiency and operations and management. (Ibid)
- (7) Supporting Eastern Wilderness Bill. (Wilderness Statement, Post-Convention No. 178)
- (8) Funding fully the Land and Water Conservation Fund to permit parallel development of state and local parks and recreation areas. (Ibid)
- (9) Developing urban parks through an intensive review by the Secretary of Interior. (Ibid)

- (10) Calling on the timber companies to initiate a one year voluntary moratorium on further cutting in the sensitive areas along Red Wood Creek above Red Wood National Park.
(Statement in California, 11/1/76)
- (11) Recommending immediate action to protect the Red Wood National Park and the red wood from further jeopardy. (Ibid)
- (12) Supporting appropriations of funds to purchase for Big Cypress Swamp National Freshwater Reserve. (Environmental Statement in Fla. Primary)
- (13) Cooperating with the state of Florida to preserve the natural Kissimee River. (Ibid)

c. Forests

- (1) Continuing multiple use of national forests under the Multiple Use-Sustained Yield Act of 1960. (National Forests Statement, Post-Convention No. 171)
- (2) Continuing the supply of significant amount of timber from national forests. (Ibid)
- (3) Ending the replacement of eastern hard wood forests with soft woods in the national forests. (Ibid)

- (4) Ending environmental abuses in timber harvesting. (Ibid)
- (5) Allowing clear-cutting in national forests only where slopes, soil and esthetics permit. (Ibid)
- (6) Minimizing the impact of constructing permanent logging roads in national forests. (Ibid)
- (7) Harvesting timber to maintain sustained yields in national forests (Ibid)

d. Wildlife and Wildlife Refuges

- (1) Removing present personnel ceilings at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. (National Wildlife Refuges Statement, Post-Convention No. 168)
- (2) Creating an independent identity and providing better funding, more personnel and more realistic goals for the Refuge System within the Fish and Wildlife Service. (Ibid)
- (3) Implementing the Endangered Species Act of 1973 more quickly. (Endangered Species Statement, Post-Convention No. 164)
- (4) Protecting wildlife habitats, with special attention to ending unnecessary draining of rivers. (Ibid)

- (5) Establishing federal and state "non-game" wildlife programs. (Ibid)
- (6) Accelerating the implementation of the programs to protect endangered species. (Ibid)
- (7) Supporting the ban on predator poisoning on public lands. (Ibid)

e. EPA

- (1) Providing better EPA enforcement (EPA Statement, Post-Convention No. 166)
- (2) Instituting local and state input and feedback procedures for EPA. (Ibid)
- (3) Removing political appointees at EPA. (Ibid)
- (4) Instituting better information systems at EPA. (Ibid)

f. General

- (1) Not allowing the federal government, for the benefit of private businesses, to condemn lands over the opposition of state and local governments, farmers and ranchers. (Platform 6/16/76)
- (2) Protecting Americans from noise, pollution. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (3) Instituting better land use planning programs. (Ibid)

4. Agriculture

a. Goals and Principles

- (1) Establishing stable consumer prices and a fair profit to the farmer. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (2) Reducing excessive profits by middlemen and food processors. (Ibid)
- (3) Coordinating the policies of all agencies which affect the farmer. (Ibid)
- (4) Involving the farm community actively in the evolution and the implementation of an overall national foreign policy. (Agriculture Statement, Pre-Convention No. 52)
- (5) Creating an agricultural production policy which insures farmers of an income and consumers of a stable food prices. (AFL-CIO Speech, 8/13/76)
- (6) Having a predictable agricultural policy; not allowing interruptions in our export commitments. (Hot Springs, Arkansas Speech, 9/17/76)

b. Export Policy and Embargoes

- (1) Ending grain embargoes (assuming there are no national emergencies which require the use of the grain at home) (Iowa Agriculture Speech, 8/25/76)

- (2) Providing additional marketing efforts for U.S. food products abroad. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)

c. Price Supports

- (1) Supporting prices equal to least the cost of production. (Iowa Agriculture Speech, 8/25/76)
- (2) Guaranteeing adequate price supports on a parity level which assures farmers a reasonable return based on their cost of production. (Ibid)

d. Reserves

- (1) Establishing sufficient supply to avoid periodic shortages of food. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (2) Establishing up to a two months food reserve, with farmers controlling up to one-half of the reserve in order to prevent government dumping during times of moderate price increases (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (3) Assuming the primary responsibility for establishing reserves of key foodstuffs in the U.S. (Economy Position Paper, 4/22/76)

e. The Dairy Industry

- (1) Supporting milk price supports adequate to assure dairy farmers an adequate and reasonable profit. (Dairy Farming Statement, Pre-Convention No. 65)
- (2) Scrutinizing carefully the entry of subsidized European dairy products into this country. (Ibid)
- (3) Supporting automatic quarterly reevaluation of milk price supports. (Ibid)

f. Beef Imports

- (1) Enforcing vigorously the Beef Import Law of 1964. (Tighter Beef Import Quotas Release 10/8/76)
- (2) Enforcing and tightening immediately the quotas to provide greater protection against foreign imports and to help our cattle producers. (Ibid)
- (3) Enforcing immediately the spirit and letter of the law in regard to "Free Trade Zone" imports, so that beef import laws cannot be circumvented. (Ibid)

g. General

- (1) Increasing soil conservation programs. (Iowa Agriculture Speech, 8/25/76)

- (2) Closing the revolving door between the boards of grain inspection companies and the processors which supply their grain. (Platform Presentation, 6/16/76)
- (3) Increasing the farmers ability to transport food to the market. (Iowa Agriculture Speech, 8/25/76)
- (4) Reducing the estate tax burden on farm families, basing the estate tax on the land's value for agriculture rather than its potential value for commercial subdivision. (Ibid)



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